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New partnership will ease staff housing shortage in Dawson

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Housing Corporation and the Dawson Downtown Limited Partnership, a partnership between the Chief Isaac group of companies and Northern Vision Development LP, are coming together to provide Yukon government staff housing in Dawson City.

The partnership is in response to an Expression of Interest issued earlier this year.

The partnership will lead to 10 one-bedroom staff units in the annex of the Downtown Hotel, which will help address the staff housing wait list in the community. The units will be ready for occupancy by January 1, 2014.

"The government is always looking at innovative ways to address housing needs," Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Scott Kent said. "I am very pleased that, in this instance, a private-sector solution could be identified and we could come to an agreement with Dawson Downtown Limited to provide staff housing quarters."

The Yukon Housing Corporation owns and manages staff housing accommodations for the Yukon government in the rural communities. The staff housing program helps government to recruit and retain workers in rural communities.

"This is a new and exciting direction for our firm," Northern Vision Development CEO Rich Thompson said, "Our recent acquisition of the Downtown Hotel provides us with the opportunity to diversify our hotel operations in Dawson through this initiative".

"Chief Isaac looks forward to handling the property development and management of this project, and this form of temporary staff housing is an area where we believe we can offer value-added solutions in partnership with Northern Vision," Managing Director of Chief Isaac Incorporated Lynn Hutton said.

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